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Dr. Brockway McMillan
Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Brock:

I have been asked to answer your several letters of inquiry relating to the three positions within the NRO which you thought might be staffed usefully by qualified CIA personnel. As you know, the joint conversation you had with General Carter, John Brown and myself imagined a much more broadly-based joint staffing of the NRO than is represented by your specific proposals. In the same picture we place the apparent difficulty in accepting [redacted] last summer when he was made available to your operation for several months, and we notice that you have recently selected an Air Force officer to serve in some role as your Air Operations Officer.

The entire question of the NRO and its functioning is now being looked into by the PTIAB. I propose that we postpone incremental solutions to partial staffing problems until broader guidelines are supplied by the DCI and SecDef. I am sure that you are aware of our intense interest in creating a truly joint CIA/military NRO Staff and our desire to reach an early framework within which this action can be taken.

Sincerely,

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Albert D. Macdonald
Deputy Director

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